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Important Building Determination (Comm 10.630)

Owner: _____

Property address: _____

Building / tank is used for:

- ☐ Commercial application (Motor fuel used for non farm use)
☐ Farming application (refer to definition on page 2)

Building exterior construction material:

- ☐ Wood ☐ Metal ☐ Concrete block / brick & mortar
☐ Vinyl ☐ Concrete ☐ Other: _____

Yes	No	Attribute
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Occupancy – building has 1 or more occupants for more than incidental use or operations
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	High hazard use Contents (Pesticides, toxics, flammable liquids, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	♦ Seasonal storage only
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	♦ Potential of contaminated run-off from fire operations threatening surrounding community or environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	♦ Potential of toxic smoke from fire threatening surrounding community or environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contents are owned solely by property owner
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contents are considered high value. Contents insured: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contents (equipment or supplies) are critical to continuing operation of business
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Building contains utility or operational control equipment for other buildings on the property

Capacity of tank (gallons): _____ Product stored: _____

Information above completed by: _____
☐ Owner ☐ Manager

To be completed by fire chief:

It is my determination that the subject building is not considered an *“important building”* in relation to the reduced Comm 10 storage tank to building setback, which will not impede fire department staging or fire control operations related to the building or surrounding exposures.

Signature of Fire Chief

Fire Department

FDID # _____

Comm 10.050(48) “Farm premises” and “farming” have the meaning given in s. 102.04 (3), Stats.

Note: Section 102.04 (3) of the Statutes, reads as follows: “As used in this chapter, ‘farming’ means the operation of farm premises owned or rented by the operator. ‘Farm premises’ means areas used for operations herein set forth, but does not include other areas, greenhouses or other similar structures unless used principally for the production of food and farm plants. ‘Farmer’ means any person engaged in farming as defined. Operation of farm premises shall be deemed to be the planting and cultivating of the soil thereof; the raising and harvesting of agricultural, horticultural or arboricultural crops thereon; the raising, breeding, tending, training and management of livestock, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals, wildlife or aquatic life, or their products, thereon; the processing, drying, packing, packaging, freezing, grading, storing, delivering to storage, to market or to a carrier for transportation to market, distributing directly to consumers or marketing any of the above-named commodities, substantially all of which have been planted or produced thereon; the clearing of such premises and the salvaging of timber and management and use of wood lots thereon, but not including logging, lumbering or wood cutting operations unless conducted as an accessory to other farming operations; the managing, conserving, improving and maintaining of such premises or the tools, equipment and improvements thereon and the exchange of labor, services or the exchange of use of equipment with other farmers in pursuing such activities. The operation for not to exceed 30 days during any calendar year, by any person deriving the person’s principal income from farming, of farm machinery in performing farming services for other farmers for a consideration other than exchange of labor shall be deemed farming.”

Comm 10.050(57) “Important building” or “important building or structure” means a building or structure that is not considered by the owner, the authorized agent or the department to be expendable in an exposure fire.

Note: Examples include:

- buildings occupied by 1 or more persons for other than incidental use,
- buildings that have a high-hazard use where products from fire can harm the community or the environment,
- control buildings that need the presence of personnel for orderly shutdown of important or hazardous processes,
- buildings that contain high-value contents or critical equipment or supplies, and
- buildings that are sited with respect to a Comm 10 storage tank system such that they will have a detrimental effect on release-response or fire-control activities.